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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

## 1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A backing sheet for insulation, said backing sheet comprising:

a front side having an adherent material thereon, said front side with said adherent material having a fiberglass sheet receiving portion;

a back side;

said back side,

a stapling tab extending along an edge of said backing sheet, said stapling tab having a first portion of said back side positioned against a second portion of said back side; and a tacky substance bonding said first portion of said back side to said second portion of

## wherein said stapling tab comprises:

a first fold extending along an edge of said backing sheet, said first fold having a first portion of said front side bonded to a second portion of said front side by said adherent material; and

a second fold extending along the edge of said backing sheet contiguous with said first fold, said second fold having the first portion of said back side positioned against the second portion of said back side.

## [12. (Canceled)]

13. (Currently Amended) The backing sheet according to Claim 12 11, wherein said tacky substance is located on said backing sheet in an area extending inward from an edge of said first fold by a predetermined width.



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14. (Currently Amended) The A backing sheet according to Claim 11 for insulation, said backing sheet comprising:

a front side having an adherent material thereon, said front side with said adherent material having a fiberglass sheet receiving portion;

a back side;

a stapling tab extending along an edge of said backing sheet, said stapling tab having a first portion of said back side positioned against a second portion of said back side; and a tacky substance bonding said first portion of said back side to said second portion of said back side,

wherein said tacky substance is a starch solution.

[15-18. (Canceled)]

19. (Previously Presented) A backing sheet for insulation, said backing sheet comprising:

a front side having an adherent material thereon;

a back side;

a stapling tab extending along an edge of said backing sheet, said stapling tab having a first portion of said back side positioned against a second portion of said back side; and

at least one hole extending through said backing sheet such that a portion of said adherent material extends through said at least one hole and contacts said back side.

20. (Previously Presented) The backing sheet according to Claim 19, wherein said stapling tab comprises:

a first fold extending along an edge of said backing sheet, said first fold having a first portion of said front side positioned against a second portion of said front side; and

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a second fold extending along the edge of said backing sheet contiguous with said first fold, said second fold having said first portion of said back side positioned against said second portion of said back side.

 $\int 21-31$ . (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The backing sheet according to Claim 19, wherein said stapling tab comprises:

a first fold extending along an edge of said backing sheet, said first fold having a first portion of said front side bonded to a second portion of said front side by said adherent material.

33. (Previously Presented) The backing sheet according to Claim 19, wherein said portion of said adherent material extending through said at least one hole bonds said first portion of said back side to said second portion of said back side.